

Sex Offender Civil Commitment Advisory Task Force
11th meeting – Monday, June 17, 2013
6:00 – 9:00 PM
Room 200 State Office Building

Agenda:

1. Welcome/housekeeping items
2. Updates from Task Force Chair and Vice Chair
3. Update from Legislative Members of Task Force on the 2013 session
4. Discussion among Task Force members – reaction to 2013 session + thoughts on Task Force next steps
5. Public Comments

Task Force Attendance:

Hon. Eric J. Magnuson (Chair)
Hon. James M. Rosenbaum (Vice Chair)
Kelly Mitchell (ex officio)
Comm. Tom Roy (ex officio)
Dean Eric Janus
Hon. Paul Nelson
Dr. Michael Thompson (ex officio)
Gerald T. Kaplan

Ryan Magnus
James Franklin (ex officio)
Rep. Jim Abeler
Sen. Tony Lourey
County Atty. Mark Ostrem
Fred Friedman (ex officio)
Rep. Tina Liebling
Comm. Nancy Schouweiler
Roberta Opheim

Meeting Minutes:

(This document is a general summary of the Task Force meeting and is not intended to be a detailed transcription.)

Meeting Began: 6:05 PM

Welcome/Housekeeping Items/Updates from Task Force Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Eric Magnuson welcomed the members and addressed housekeeping items. He also made brief comments on the now-concluded legislative session.

Update from Legislative Members of Task Force on the 2013 session

Sen. Lourey, Rep. Liebling and Rep. Abeler each gave a legislative update and commented about the process of bills relevant to the work of the Task Force.

Discussion among Task Force members – reaction to 2013 session + thoughts on Task Force next steps

Chair Magnuson and Vice Chair Rosenbaum also commented on the session. Several Task Force members asked questions and discussed the session, including Comm. Roy, Ryan Magnus, Roberta Opheim, and Dean Janus.

Chair Magnuson began a discussion of Task Force next steps. Members discussing this included Dr. Thompson, Roberta Opheim, Ryan Magnus, Gerald Kaplan, Dean Janus, Rep. Liebling, Fred Friedman, Judge Rosenbaum, Comm. Roy, and Kelly Mitchell.

Chair Magnuson discussed the agenda for the next meeting.

Public Comment:

- Dennis Pearson spoke about MSOP and provided a handout; he sees it as preventive detention and feels the standard of proof for commitment should be raised.
- Carol De Otis spoke and provided a handout; she views MSOP as not a treatment program but a jail, and gives people no hope.
- Thomas Koepke spoke and said that the person he is mentoring (an MSOP client) is doing much better.
- Thomas Evenstad called on the Task Force to support a moratorium on commitments coming in (“close the intake valve”).
- Russ Lovaasen brought up changes this session for non-sex-offenders such as “ban the box” that are looking at removing social penalties after a person has served his time.

The next meeting is scheduled for:

Monday, July 8, 2013 @ 6:00 PM, Room 5 State Office Building

Meeting Concluded: 8:11 PM